

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace Paragraph [0007] with the following new Paragraph [0007]:

[0007] SAPO-18 belongs to the family of molecular sieves having the AEI structure type. Other molecular sieves with the AEI structure type are ALPO-18 and RUW-18. The preparation and characterization of molecular sieves with AEI structure type has been reported in several publications, including U.S. Patent No. 4,440,871; J.Chen et al. in "Studies in Surface Science and Catalysis", Vol. 84, pp. 1731-1738; U.S. Patent No. 5,279,810; J. Chen et al. in "Journal of Physical Chemistry", Vol. 98, pp. 10216-10224 (1994); J. Chen et al. in "Catalysis Letters", Vol. 28, pp. 241-248 (1994); A.M. Prakash et al. in "Journal of the Chemical Society, Faraday Transaction" Vol. 90(15), pp. 2291-2296 (1994); Yan Xu et al. in "Journal of the Chemical Society, Faraday Transactions" Vol. 86(2), pp. 425-429 (1990); U.S. Patent No. 5,609,843, all of which are herein fully incorporated by reference.